

1st Meeting of the WGEC



- ✓ Over 175 delegates from Customs administrations, international organization and e-commerce stakeholders
- ✓ E-commerce - Opportunities, Challenges, and Potential Solutions from a diverse perspective
- ✓ Focus on cross-border low-value B2C and C2C e-commerce
- ✓ Issues discussed
 - Business models
 - Legal and regulatory framework
 - Facilitation and risk management
 - Dark side of e-commerce
 - Exchange of information between e-commerce actors and Customs
 - Revenue collection
 - Customs-Tax cooperation
- ✓ Identified areas for the future work

Areas of Future Work by the WGEC



I. Trade Facilitation and Simplification of Procedures

- Definitions
- Legislation
- Automated systems – Single Window (OGAs)
- Exchange of advance electronic data (*interoperability, minimum data sets, data quality, data privacy*)
- Trusted Trader/AEO programme for e- vendors marketplaces and intermediaries –enhanced facilitation
- Framework /guidelines/standards – harmonization and support to MSMEs
- Return/refund (drawback) processes
- Implementation and review/update of WCO Immediate Release Guidelines and other related tools

II. Safety and Security

- Product safety
- Illicit trade
- Quarantine/bio-security
- Dark web/net
- Cyber security
- Illicit Financial Flows
- Non-intrusive inspection (NII) technologies
- Review/update of relevant tools
- Case studies

III. Revenue Collection

- De minimis
- Simplified entry threshold
- Classification, valuation, origin issues
- HS Navigator, integrated tariff database
- Transactional approach vs account based approach
- Alternate models of revenue collection (including impact analysis on the industry and government)
- Fees and charges
- Cooperation amongst authorities (Customs and Tax)

IV. Measurement and Analysis

- Big Data
- Stocktake and analysis of work currently being undertaken by international bodies
- Research and analysis of various e-commerce business models –case studies
- Measuring e-commerce flows and economic benefits
- Capacity Building, awareness, and education – implementation support